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TWO DECADES OF KNOWLEDGE, COLLABORATION, AND GROWTH

In 2026, ISSBS is celebrating **20 years of operation**. Over the past two decades, the faculty has grown into a recognised higher education institution that combines high-quality education, research, international cooperation, and close ties with the business community and the wider environment. The anniversary offers an opportunity to review the achievements to date, reflect on the future, and set new goals and directions for the continued development of ISSBS.



GRADUATION AND AWARDS CEREMONY

On March 2026, we held our 18th graduation and awards ceremony, which this year marked the faculty's 20th anniversary.

Diplomas were awarded to 118 graduates from all study programmes, including two doctoral graduates, Dr. Maja Milas and Dr. Haftom Hagos. In total, more than **1,600 students have graduated from ISSBS**.



PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE THAT COMPLEMENTS ACADEMIC STUDY

At ISSBS, we place particular emphasis on connecting academic study with **practical experience**.

Students apply the knowledge they have acquired in local and regional companies and organisations, thereby developing professional competences, gaining insight into real working environments, and building valuable connections for their future careers. The photograph shows an ISSBS student

who completed her practical training with Hajdi Korošec Jazbinšek, a well-known and successful entrepreneur from Celje.



STUDENT CONFERENCE ON ENTREPRENEURSHIP

This year, the ISSBS Student Council once again organised the traditional KoME student conference, entitled **Entrepreneurship Unfiltered**. The event opened a discussion on the entrepreneurial journey and the challenges, setbacks, and opportunities involved in developing business ideas. The programme also featured guest speakers from professional practice, while the audience was addressed by Dr. Alenka Žnidaršič Kranjc, one of Slovenia's most influential business leaders, economists, and entrepreneurs.



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STUDENT IDEAS FOR THE SUSTAINABILITY CHALLENGES OF THE FUTURE

As part of the Problem-Based Learning of Students in the Working Environment (PUŠ 2026) initiative, students developed sustainable solutions to challenges in tourism, culture, and industry. In cooperation with the Celje Tourism Promotion Institute, they explored the forest therapy potential of the Savinja Region; with the Rogatec Open-Air Museum, they developed contemporary approaches to presenting cultural heritage; and with Odelo Slovenija, d. o. o., they identified opportunities to reuse raw materials in line with circular economy principles.



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ERASMUS+ INTERNATIONAL STAFF WEEK 2026

ISSBS hosted academic and administrative staff from partner institutions in Portugal, Thailand, the United States, Georgia, and Kosovo.

Participants took part in workshops and lectures on internationalisation, mobility, quality assurance, artificial intelligence, and digital transformation.

Part of the programme was also held within the MakeLearn, TIIM & PiConf 2026 international conference in Ljubljana. The event strengthened cooperation with partner institutions and created new opportunities for joint projects and mobility.



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MakeLearn, TIIM & PiConf INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE

In May, ISSBS hosted the MakeLearn, TIIM & PiConf international scientific conference entitled **Leadership, Learning, and Business Beyond Boundaries: Managing Change in a Complex World** in Ljubljana.

The conference brought together more than 150 participants from academic, research, and professional communities from Europe, Asia, America, and Africa. ISSBS was the main organiser of the conference, which

addressed current issues in management, learning, innovation, and sustainable development.



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Knowledge and Learning
International Conference
Technology, Innovation
and Industrial Management
Sustainable Development

INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SCHOOL 2026

In September, we held the international summer school **Innovating with Purpose: Entrepreneurship for Local Communities**, which brought together students from Slovenia, Portugal, Romania, Poland, and Italy.

Working in international teams, they explored user needs, developed business models, and formulated concrete proposals for an intergenerational centre.

The programme enabled students to develop entrepreneurial and intercultural competences, strengthen their teamwork skills, and gain practical experience in addressing challenges faced by the local community.



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